



Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

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NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS TAKES ACTION ON APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE OF PHYSICIANS, PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS AND PRACTITIONERS OF RESPIRATORY CARE

At its quarterly meeting on December 3 and 4, 2004, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners ratified licensure of 87 physicians, 20 physician assistants, and 29 practitioners of respiratory care, and interviewed 21 applicants who were requested to personally appear before the Board.

Of the 21 applicants who personally appeared--19 physicians and 2 practitioners of respiratory care--the Board denied the applications of 2 physicians:

Ronald A. Myers, M.D.

The Board denied the application of Ronald A. Myers, M.D., pursuant to NRS 630.301(3), based upon the history of disciplinary action and restrictions upon his medical licenses in other states, particularly in Florida; based upon his history of, and continued, disruptive behavior, in violation of NRS 630.301(6); based upon his false, misleading and inaccurate statements on his application for licensure, in violation of NRS 630.304(1); and based upon his history of substance abuse, in violation of NRS 630.306(10).

Elliott D. Schmerler, M.D.

The Board denied the application of Elliott D. Schmerler, M.D., pursuant to NRS 630.301(9), based upon the fact that he is still on probation for a felony, which brings disrepute upon the medical profession; pursuant to NRS 630.301(4), based upon the numerous past and pending malpractice claims against him; and based upon his failure to pay a Board-ordered fine levied against him, in violation of NRS 630.3065(2)(a).

Of the remaining applicants who personally appeared, 1 physician and 1 practitioner of respiratory care withdrew their applications during their appearances. The Board granted licenses to 16 physicians, 7 subject to passing a peer review and 1 subject to passing the SPEX exam. The remaining practitioner of respiratory care was granted her license.

Since January 1, 2004, the Board has granted 668 physician licenses administratively, that is, to applicants who met all of the statutory and regulatory requirements for licensure. This does not include the applicants who appeared before the Board at the December meeting.